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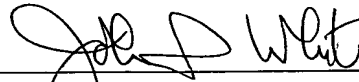
By this Preliminary Amendment, applicants have amended the specification to recite the continuing data for the above-identified application and have inserted an Abstract of the Disclosure attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. Applicants maintain that the amendments to the specification raise no issue of new matter and respectfully request that this Preliminary Amendment be entered.

Claims 1-18, 26 and 45-47 are present in the subject application as filed. By this Preliminary Amendment, applicants have canceled claims 19-25, 27-44 and 48-63 without disclaimer or prejudice. Accordingly, upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-18, 26 and 45-47 will be pending.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below.

No fee, other than the enclosed filing fee of \$350.00, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment. If any additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,



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